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Prior to 7 March 1952, the upper section of the North Camp was occupied by an artillery regiment which arrived from Bernburg in 1951. The regiment consisted of two battalions with a total of 24 model 31/37 122-mm field guns and a battalion of 12 model 42 45-mm AT guns. The artillery pieces were stationed in newly erected wooden sheds west of the troop billets. \* The lower section of the North Camp quartered an artillery regiment which arrived from Magdeburg in 1951. It consisted of: a battalion of 12 model 37 152-mm howitzers towed by caterpillar tractors; 1 battalion of 12 model 31/37 122-mm guns; and 1 battalion of 12 model 42/45-mm AT guns. \*\* The hutment was occupied by 4 officers and 100 engineer troops who were daily driven by truck to the former Briesenthal estate. German workers stated that the engineer troops were rooting out stumps, allegedly to clear the area for a new airfield. The field bakery started to operate again on about 27 February. \*\*\*

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\* [ ] Comment. The information refers to a regiment of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig which had been carried with a uniform equipment of 24 x 76.2-mm guns, but was last reported [ ] with different organization and calibers. See [ ] except for the observation of 57-mm AT guns, there were no changes observed with the two other regiments of the brigade in Brandenburg which are believed to be a regiment of 24 x 76.2-mm guns and a regiment of 24 x 100-mm AT guns. [ ] Since it is possible that the regiments may have given up their uniform equipment to attain greater flexibility, the organization given in the present report could serve as a lead. This, however, would mean that the character as AT brigade was lost. It is, therefore, more plausible that the regiment has two (?) 100-mm AT battalions and a battalion with at least 57-mm AT guns instead of 122-mm field guns. The equipment of 45-mm AT guns for the regiment appears rather improbable. In this conjunction, reference is made to a report [ ] in Bernburg [ ] stated 25X1 the regiment had an equipment of about 72 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 100-mm AT guns and a 37-mm AA battery.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. A howitzer regiment of the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig with a uniform T/W equipment of 152-mm guns and a second regiment of the brigade with 100-mm AT guns had been carried in Altengrabow and Burg respectively. [ ] Available information indicates that the same

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reasoning may apply for these as that in the first [ ] Comment of the present report. [ ] 25X1

25X1 [ ] the regiment did not have uniform equipment. Observations in Burg also failed to furnish definite information on the equipment of the regiments. It is possible that the abovementioned organization is approximately correct, and that the regiment is more probably equipped with 2 (?) battalions of 152-mm howitzers and 1 battalion of 57-mm guns, 85-mm guns, or 100-mm AT guns. 25X1

25X1 \*\*\* [ ] Comment. The engineer troops who went to Altengrabow in early February 1952 belong to the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps or to the Third Shock Army. [ ]

25X1 [ ] It is possible that an airfield for artillery aircraft is under construction.

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